

**REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 8
SECOND QUARTER 2003 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES
SUBJECT TO THE LOUISIANA EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW**

Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Madison
Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, West Carroll



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 8 during second quarter 2003 was 114,256, an increase of 1.4% from the first quarter 2003, and a decrease of 1.6% from the same period in 2002. Employment increased in 14 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2003. The largest percentage increase of 32.3% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2003, first quarter 2003, second quarter 2002, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 75. Health Care and social assistance was the leading industry in RLMA 8 with 20,036 employees, or 17.5% of total employment. Ouachita was the leading parish with 72,065 employees, or 63.1% of total employment.

Total wages decreased 0.3% from the same period in 2002 and increased 3.9% from the first quarter 2003 for an average weekly wage of \$500.42. Ouachita parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$538.37.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 8 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 8" beginning on page 78.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Caldwell	\$ 424.63
East Carroll	400.00
Franklin	383.82
Jackson	529.48
Madison	429.13
Morehouse	509.86
Ouachita	538.37
Richland	407.36
Tensas	438.76
Union	394.75
West Carroll	374.09

The number of reporting units in RLMA 8 for second quarter 2003 was 7,884.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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